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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	14181	Agenda Number	35.
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Meeting Date:	April 26, 2012
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Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Authorize award and execution of a contract through the Texas Multiple Award Schedule with ALL BUSINESS MACHINES, INC. for the purchase of a gas chromatograph and a mass spectrometer for the Austin Police Department to be used in the identification of narcotic substances in an amount not to exceed \$88,383.94.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Operating Budget of the Austin Police Department through the National Institute of Justice Coverdell Grant.

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	Cooperative Purchase.
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Prior Council Action:	
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For More Information:	Colleen Athey, Senior Buyer, 972-4012
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Related Items:	
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MBE / WBE:	This Cooperative Purchase is exempt from the MBE /WBE Ordinance. This exemption is in compliance with Chapter 2-9D of the City Code (Minority –Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this contract.
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Additional Backup Information

This contract is for the one-time purchase of a gas chromatograph/mass spectrometer (GC/MS). The Austin Police Department (APD) chemistry laboratory will use this instrument in the identification of narcotic substances.

Currently, the APD chemistry lab operates four GC/MS instruments which all interface with a central data workstation. This purchase will replace a GC/MS purchased in 2001 that will become obsolete in 2015. The new GC/MS will be able to interface with the workstation's existing spectra file libraries to create custom reports and process raw data without a third party conversion. The data and reports are used in court presentations and cannot be manipulated or altered by third party software.

The Purchasing Office conducted an analysis to determine that utilizing the TXMAS contract was the best value to the City. This contract offered the lowest price and is able to provide a GC/MS that fully meets the needs of APD. All Business Machines, Inc. is contracted through TXMAS to supply various types of scientific equipment to other public entities statewide as a result of a competitive bidding process. Utilizing the TXMAS contracts provides for volume discount pricing as well as the earliest delivery of equipment.